



The City Council had its final meeting prior to the upcoming election this past Tuesday. The Finance Department provided a 1st Quarter report that included pandemic impacts. National City is on the road to recovery but we've got a long way to go. I encourage anyone that is interested to watch the meetings, it's easy to do the day after the meeting right through our website. ([Council Webcast](#)) You can easily bounce

between agenda items and watch your governing board in action!

Master Plan Approved

On Tuesday, the City Council unanimously approved the Kimball Highland Master Plan. The master plan expands the Kimball and Morgan Tower's Senior Village area to include a portion of the [99 Cent Store](#) parking lot. It will connect seniors and residents of all ages with health, affordable housing, transportation, and community engagement. The Project will include 145 units of affordable housing for seniors and families, a new state-of-the-art Kimball Senior Center, a federally qualified health center, and a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Center. This Master Plan Project will transform part of the Kimball neighborhood into a transit-oriented senior village close to the City's senior nutrition center, shopping, cultural institutions, and Kimball Park. The Kimball Highland Master Plan Project represents a \$120 million investment in the center of National City with an emphasis on hiring locally.



Great California ShakeOut

Earthquakes may happen anytime and almost anywhere. Most injuries caused by earthquakes are from falling or flying objects. It is important to practice how to be safe! When earthquakes happen, the best way to stay safe is to Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Drop onto your hands and knees, Cover your head and neck; and crawl to a sturdy desk or table if one is nearby, then Hold On until the shaking stops. Last week, over 350,000 County residents registered to participate in the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill. If you didn't, please take some time over the weekend to practice an earthquake drill with your families. For more information on earthquake preparedness resources please visit: [Ready San Diego - Earthquakes](#)

COVID-19 Protocols

A recent analysis of San Diego County data revealed that San Diegans are waiting an average of 3.5 days after symptoms develop before they get a COVID-19 test. The delay could result in further COVID-19 exposures, especially if people do not isolate themselves from others. As a reminder, employees are encouraged to see their health care provider, get tested immediately after they start feeling sick and isolate themselves to avoid exposing others. Per the [CDC](#), employees who test positive must remain in isolation until 10 days after onset of symptoms and no fever is observed for at least 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of other symptoms. To find a testing site near you, visit <http://www.211sandiego.org> or call 2-1-1. You can learn more about common symptoms, and additional information [here](#).

Welcome to Charles E. Bell Jr., City Attorney and Anne Defazio, Principal Librarian



Please help me welcome our newest employees. Charles comes to us from the City of San Luis Obispo where he was the Assistant City Attorney and has a distinguished thirteen year legal career in both private lending institutions and municipalities. He has a true commitment to community service and has been recognized by many organizations throughout his career which will serve both the community and organization well under our 7 Cs Pledge. Anne was previously the Branch Manager of the Mountainview/Beckworth Library for the City of San Diego. Anne brings with her years of experience working with the public and community partners, as well as excellent technical

skills and a healthy dose of creativity. We were drawn to her passion and enthusiasm as the library continues to support distance learning as it plans its reopening. We're excited to have them join the National City team. Please call or stop by to say hello and welcome them.

Together We Can! - Parks Division

The Public Works Parks Division is responsible for maintaining seven community parks and restrooms, 10,000 trees, parkways, medians, and all landscaping for City-owned facilities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Parks crew has been committed to serving the public by prioritizing the safety and well-being of our community. Under new county health guidelines, our Parks crews safely reopened our City playgrounds and other recreation areas for the outdoor enjoyment of the public. Thank you Parks Division for your hard work and dedication to our community!



In picture: Victor Acosta, Macario Avila, James Beecher, Jose Casillas, David Gallegos, Juan Piche, Raphael Prather, Paloma Ramirez, Erick Salinas, James Woods, Victor Uribe. Not pictured: Roy Inga, Guillermo Gonzalez and Kevin Estudillo.